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- Write to us at **Parish Council Offices, Hanover Close, Bar Hill. CB23 8EH**
- Email the Chair of Trustees at **chair-of-trustees@barhill-ca.org**, or

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Fox.

If you'd like an agenda, or would like to come along and get involved in our work, please get in touch!



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LETTERS, NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send content to bhn-editor@barhill-ca.org. Thank you!



Bar Hill Indoor Bowls Club

We meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time only from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm with a 1/2 hour break for coffee. We are a very friendly group and we would love to have some new members. It doesn't matter if you have never played before just come along and join us one Friday, the cost is £3 per week but the 1st week is free.

Please note, the last bowls evening before we break up for the Summer holidays will be on Friday 17 July 2026

If you would like more information please contact me on **01954 204171 / 07847 327709** or barbara.page@live.co.uk

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Cllr Anthony Mitchell

Help! We're Missing Something

Maybe it's an article by a group you support? A bit of local news? Or even details of an event? Let us know! Deadline for our August issue is **Thursday 9th July**.



Bar Hill Church Knit & Natter Group

Thursday 1.30 until 3.00p.m. in The Octagon.

We are a well established and a popular group who are keen and committed to knitting items that help others in need, and meet to knit and make new friends, produce some fantastic baby clothes, blankets and knitted toys etc., and enjoy tea and cakes together, and sometimes just chat and share stories.

As part of our programme we encourage the ladies to take part in some simple helpful and fun exercises designed to improve general welfare and to keep their fingers and joints moving well, and boost their physical and mental health.

Our present knitting programme is to produce baby clothes and blankets for local new young mums with limited resources, and also blankets for people in the village who may have health or welfare problems and need a helping hand or a kind gesture. We try to respond to any group or individual who needs this help.

New members are always very welcome and find it helps to have a regular group to attend weekly and are always happy to find new friends to chat to and share their "ups and downs" their interests and achievements.

All the wool and patterns are available for the ladies to use. So there are no financial obligations. However contributions of wool from friends and neighbours are very welcome!

During the year we have extra events like craft sessions, tea parties and some outings.

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Upcoming Events:

3rd July: American Theme

10th July: Bingo and a quiz

17th July: French Theme

24th July: Bingo and a quiz

31st July: Games and Quiz

7th August: Bingo and a quiz

For further information please contact

Anne Plumb | **07790 306922** |
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Dear Editor, RE: Puzzle Solutions

Solution for last month's puzzle:

Across: 1.blameless, 6.boardroom, 7.lodestone, 10.daybreaks.

Down: 1.babbled, 2.aka, 3.end user. 4.ego, 5.summers.,8.day, 9.ova.

This month's puzzle can be found on page 19.
Hope you enjoy it!

Keith Morris

8 o'clock Club

We are a women's group that meets in the school on the first Thursday each month at 7.30 pm.

Our fee is £15 per year to join and then we make a charge at each meeting to cover the cost of refreshments and a raffle.

Our speaker on the Thursday 2 July is from Trinity House, the organisation who look after all the major lighthouses around England, Wales & the Channel Islands.

We welcome new members to the club. If you would like to join please come along to one of our meetings or phone Barbara **204171 (07847 327709)**, Adela **204265** or Ann **204687**.

Bar Hill Catholic Mass

Mass will be held in Bar Hill Church at 6pm on Saturdays. Our services are open to all and everyone is very welcome to attend. If you have any queries please call Bunty Waters **07734 690580**. Our local parish priest is Father Adrian Gates, from OLEM; he is also the Hospital Chaplain - **07842 190882**.

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We will all bring a favourite book and tell the group about it and why we recommend reading it.

Everyone will bring some food and drinks to share. Always an enjoyable evening!

For more info please email Julie at
julie45172@outlook.com

Cambridge South Railway Station

By Stella Joyner

The above railway station is due to be opened on the 28th June 2026. This new station lies 1.3 miles south of Cambridge Station, primarily it services the adjacent Cambridge Bio Medical Campus though there is substantial new housing within walking and cycling distance across a large park to the west.

There once existed a temporary station (Trumpington Station) which was just north of the new station. It was specifically constructed for the Royal Agricultural Society's show for four days between 4 July and 8 July 1922. Once this show finished, the station was then permanently demolished. Nothing of the original station survives or is visible today.



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Send an e-mail to Sofija Pekic Quarrie at sofijapq@gmail.com for more information or just come on the day!

Bar Hill Village Hall

The large Main Hall has multi-purpose vinyl flooring, making it flexible for all types of events. There is a kitchen alongside the Hall with a serving hatch, making it useful for self-catering at parties, discos and the like. The licensed bar can be booked on request and will be serviced by the Sports and Social Club. The Hall opens out onto a large patio area that is ideal for external activities or a spill-over for internal events and has two bolted gates that lead off the premises.

There is also a Meeting Room, with its own independent access and great for meetings of up to 10 people.

The Village Hall is managed as a registered charity (number 1002579). To book, please visit our web site barhillvillagehall.com and email enquiries@barhillvillagehall.com to confirm arrangements.

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Last September, whilst browsing the Bar Hill Community Facebook page, my attention was caught by something new. A "gentle yoga and meditation" class from Purple Heart Yoga. Reading on, I discovered the author invited me to "come move, stretch and breathe - accessible yoga for all bodies." Having practiced and enjoyed yoga many decades ago my interest was piqued. I signed up online immediately and set out to get my creaky body going again.

The Bar Hill class takes place in the Octagon on Fridays at 11.30a.m. Plenty of time beforehand for breakfast, 2 cups of coffee and solving Wordle. So, come the day, I toddled off at the appointed hour and was greeted by a super young woman called Nyssa Clarke-Bellot. The class was indeed gentle and, with a rest and relaxation period at the beginning and end of the class, I knew I'd be back for more.

Nyssa told me she had been a student of yoga for 15 years. "Yoga is very important to me; it helps with the small things and the big things in life. From a stressful day at work to grief and loss. Stretching and moving helps me to feel good!"

I asked Nyssa how she became a yoga teacher herself. "I spent 3 years with the British Wheel of Yoga Alliance, to build up a solid and well-rounded foundation of yoga teaching knowledge. I have now been teaching yoga full-time for just over a year whilst also learning to build up a business from scratch."

I asked if any experience in yoga is needed to join one of her classes. "My classes are mostly aimed at beginners, but more advanced yogis are sure to learn something! My style of yoga is a mix

of Hatha, Iyengar and some Vinyasa Flow, with Somatic Practice elements. There is also meditation and breath-work practice. I believe this is what makes my classes a bit unique. We'll be workshopping and learning. You won't just be following a class like you would on YouTube!

My own experience of Nyssa's classes is that, as well as classic yoga poses, there's something new every week. "Yes, I do like to try to keep things interesting and topical." Nyssa explained "I also host my incredibly popular restorative resets once a month. This class includes meditation, aromatherapy, soft fairy lights and music made for sleep.

Encouraging deep relaxation, rest and stillness. Students have come away saying they've had

the best sleep in a long while afterwards. At the moment these sellout classes are held in Cottenham, but I hope to bring them to Bar Hill too. I also host special events to tie in with the equinoxes throughout the year."



"I feel blessed to have over 30 students learning with me now, over my 4 locations at Bar Hill, Histon, Cottenham and Northstowe." Nyssa went on " My classes have turned into a bit of a community! Students meet for coffee before class, have a chat afterwards, and just generally support each other. I love that people have come together through my classes."

Sign up for classes on line where you'll find an introductory offer of 5 class passes for the price of 4. "This is so students can really decide whether they'd enjoy starting to practice yoga with me. The class passes I offer give access to all my classes and locations, so students can do as much or as little as they like, wherever they like.

Nyssa's warm personality and gentle style are a perfect fit for me. Her approach is different from other classes I have attended. She encourages self love and listening to your body. Through her routines, I have achieved more strength and flexibility in my body yet never felt overworked or stressed. I feel uplifted after her classes, which keeps me returning week after week.

Others feel the same too:

"I look forward to it every week and leave feeling nourished in body and spirit." DB

"It has made me calmer, more relaxed and my breathing has improved so much using the techniques Nyssa has taught us." MS

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This month I want to focus on the future for the BHCA First Lego League.

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We are very keen to get involved in this and compete in the National Competitions. To do this means **we need a partner** who could fund the purchase of the Challenge Pack and registration which last year was **under £400**.

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- *August 27th normal meeting with quiz, cheese and snacks and a raffle*
- *Annual General Meeting October 22nd*



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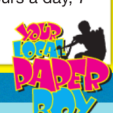
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Bar Hill Cricket Club

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The highlight was the CCA league win over Madingley II, though while their opening bat was scoring 89, it looked like recording a victory was a tall order. However, good bowling and fielding saw us peg back the visitors to 187 for 6, Febin Jamal taking two wickets. In reply, Jim Neal and Paul Stimpson put on 67 for the first wicket to set a platform, and Sujith Kidangoor scored 52 and Febin an unbeaten 38 as we reached the target with five wickets down and more than six overs to spare.

Our previous two league matches had resulted in defeats, and the less said about the one away to Godmanchester the better! Suffice to say they were the best side we had played in a few years, with one of their batters hitting a century and a bowler picking up five wickets.

The loss away to Haslingfield was a lot more competitive, as Bar Hill posted 173 for 7, with Jeemon Vazhappilly hitting a superb 67 not out and Sujith adding 44. Bar Hill took early wickets, but a good partnership saw the hosts reach 174 for 3 with five overs left.

June's first match was rained off, and was followed by a blank week in the fixture list. Hopefully we'll have played again by the time you read this.

In the midweek Cambs Business Houses League, only one game was played and resulted

in a win over the Royal Society of Chemistry. Jeemon scored 53 and Tom Linford Wood 33 in Bar Hill's total of 138 for 9. Sam Bishop started his first match for the club at the age of 15 and took two wickets as our visitors made it to 104 for 8 in reply.

We hope to see you on Fete Day when we will once again be running the barbecue.

Training sessions are held on the village green from 6pm on Wednesdays throughout the season (weather permitting!)

If you are interested in playing, or getting involved in the club some other way, get in touch via info@barhillcricket.org.uk or on the number below, or follow all the latest in the Bar Hill News and on our website at barhillcricket.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

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Funding and Enquiries

We accept all government funding available to eligible parents, as well as Tax-Free Childcare payments. As our days are often busy caring for children, the best way to get in touch is by text with your requirements, and we will get back to you as soon as we can with current availability and hourly rates.

Current Childminder Availability

Jacky – **07718447998** – Caring for children aged 6 months and up. Term-time-only and all-year-round care available. Current availability: wraparound spaces for

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Kirsten – **07906218070** – Caring for children aged 6 months and up. Term-time-only and all-year-round care available. Current availability: spaces available from September 2027.

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availability: no spaces available.

What we have been up to recently -

During May half term, we made the most of the lovely weather with visits to the splash pads in Royston and at the Abbey, woodland walks, and planting beans.

We planted the beans in glass jars so the children could watch the roots grow. Once they are big enough, we will move them into the garden—hopefully without finding a

giant at the top!

In June, we planted sunflowers and are excited to see if they grow taller than us. We also created dinosaur worlds using mini dinosaurs and cress seeds, enjoyed playing in the rain, jumping in puddles, and listening to the thunder, and made special surprises for Father's Day. We are also taking part in 30 Days Wild.

In July, we will be looking out for the minibeasts that visit the garden and watching our caterpillars grow and change into butterflies. We are also hoping for drier weather so we can spend more time at the park.



The school year has flown by, and it is hard to believe that we are only a few weeks away from waving off our school-ready children as they begin their next adventures at primary school. We have loved watching them grow, learn, and flourish as part of their early years journey.

This term our topic has been **'People Who Help Us'**, and the children have enjoyed learning about the emergency services, healthcare, retail, and the many other roles that support our community.

In June we celebrated **Father's Day**, with the children creating thoughtful handmade gifts and cards for their special grown-ups. We have also enjoyed celebrating several birthdays this month — June is certainly a popular one.

Our **fundraising efforts** are continuing, even if the weather hasn't always been on our side. We will be at the **Village Fete on 11th July** and would love for you to pop by and say hello. We



will have information and application forms available for anyone interested in looking for early years education.

A huge **thank you to the Huntingdon Regional College woodworking team** for sourcing and supporting us with our wonderful new mud kitchen. The children absolutely love it and will enjoy many hours of imaginative play.

A reminder that we **close for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July**. Our website contains all contact details should you need to reach us during the break.

We look forward to welcoming our new families in September and wish all our school-ready children the very best as they take their next exciting steps!



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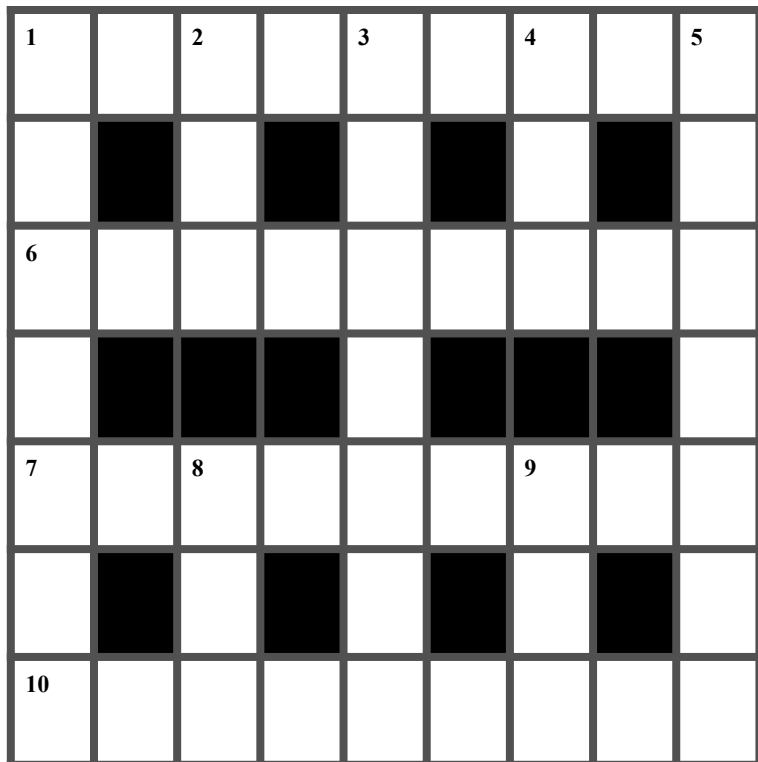
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We're also planning to run a pickleball tournament during the Fete, so come and watch for a bit to see how to play.

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Helping Hedgehogs in July

July is a busy month for hedgehogs. Many mothers are still raising young hoglets, and all hedgehogs need plenty of food and water during the warmer weather.

One of the simplest ways to help is to leave out a shallow dish of fresh water each evening. During hot, dry spells this can make a real difference. Meaty cat or dog food can also provide a valuable supplementary food source.

Gardeners can help by checking carefully before mowing long grass, trimming vegetation, or turning over compost heaps, as hedgehogs and their nests can be well hidden. Leaving a wild corner of the garden with long grass, logs, and leaf piles provides shelter for hedgehogs and the insects they feed upon.

If possible, create a small gap of around 13cm x 13cm in fences to allow hedgehogs to move freely between gardens. "Hedgehog highways" help them find food, water, and mates.

Please avoid using chemical pesticides and weedkillers in your garden. These can harm wildlife directly and reduce the insects and other creatures that hedgehogs depend upon for food. Wherever possible, use natural gardening methods that work with nature rather than against it. Unfortunately, even some "natural" pesticides can harm insects and other wildlife. The best approach is generally to minimise pesticide use altogether and encourage natural predators and healthy garden ecosystems.

With hedgehog numbers continuing to decline across Britain, even small actions in our gardens can make a big difference to these much-loved visitors.

For advice on Hedgehogs: Liz Dams: 07912 988898, or Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital: 07947 361187

Hedgehog fact: A hedgehog's heart can beat over 200 times per minute, and they can drop their heart rate dramatically during hibernation.



Wildlife-Friendly Gardening in July

July is one of the most important months in the garden for wildlife. With warm weather, longer days, and plenty of activity from birds, insects, and mammals, small choices in how we garden can make a big difference.

One of the simplest ways to help is to provide water. A shallow dish or birdbath topped up daily can support hedgehogs, birds, bees, and other insects during dry spells. Keeping it low and with stones or pebbles in the base helps smaller creatures safely drink and climb out.

Allowing parts of the garden to grow a little wilder in July is valuable. Long grass, wild corners, and plants provide shelter, nesting space, and a rich source of food for pollinators and other insects. A small undisturbed area can become an important habitat.

Avoid cutting hedges or long grass too



aggressively during peak summer, as birds may still be nesting and hedgehogs may be resting in dense vegetation. Always check carefully before trimming or mowing.

Where possible, avoid chemical pesticides and weedkillers. These can reduce insect populations and disrupt the food chain that garden visitors depend on. Natural approaches, such as encouraging ladybirds, using companion planting, or simply tolerating a few "wild" patches, are far more wildlife-friendly.

Ponds and water features can also be life-saving in hot weather, but should always include a shallow escape route such as stones, ramps, or gently sloping edges to prevent wildlife from becoming trapped.

With just a few small changes, gardens can become safe, supportive spaces for wildlife when food and water can be harder to find.

By gardening with nature in mind, we can all help support the birds, bees, hedgehogs, and other wildlife that share our local environment.

Saxon Park Skatepark Progress

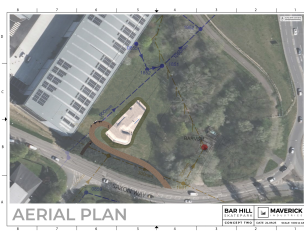
Following the consultation period from January to March this year, with Maverick Skateparks coming to Bar Hill for two in-person consultations on 2nd March as well as online surveys, they have now had a chance to take feedback about park design into consideration and have created a "consulted design," which is one of the key stages in getting a skatepark.

This design was presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 28th May. The park is being constructed by Maverick Skateparks who have over 20 years of experience and have built over 100 skateparks. There will be something for everyone, with results from the online survey being very clear that the majority of users are skateboarders.

There is an FAQ on the Bar Hill Community Association website (www.barhill-ca.org/committees/saxon-park-skatepark) along with an interactive walkthrough! One common question is how it will be funded. The cost of the skatepark is estimated at £250,000 which will mainly be funded externally via grants, lottery funding and other fundraising sources. Council tax rates will not be increased to fund construction of the skatepark.

At the APM, residents raised concerns about a pedestrian crossing and maintenance costs. Once a planning application is in, we will be contacting National Highways about a crossing. They were contacted about a crossing several years ago and declined to put in a crossing. However, once there is a planning application for the land to be transformed from derelict land into a skatepark, a crossing becomes more compelling. Regarding maintenance costs, the concrete comes with a minimum 20 year guarantee and Maverick cited another skatepark they built 15 years ago which hasn't had anything spent on it in that time. Regardless, we will be investigating costs of related items such as insurance and inspections.

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Olive Tree Bereavement Group - July 2026

Have you lost your special person?

Are you struggling with your grief?

Olive Tree Bereavement Group meets every second Saturday at 10.30 in the Octagon opposite the surgery. We are a welcoming and supportive group who have all experienced the loss of a loved one.

Whether your bereavement is recent or it has been some time ago, we are here to help. It's a time to listen and to talk in confidence with others who understand.



'Since my husband died, I have really appreciated being part of this group. Everyone is so supportive. I've cried and laughed and have felt I am not alone as I come to terms with my new life' (member of the group).

Everyone is welcome. If you would like to know more, please contact our experienced CRUSE leaders, **Sue Kenchington** on 780260 or **Chris Stannard** on 781978 or come along to one of our sessions.

The dates for the next two sessions are **11th July** and **8th August**.

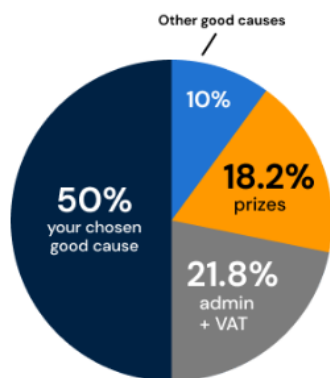


CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY LOTTERY

We are always on the lookout for people in Bar Hill to come along and be part of the BHCA (Bar Hill Community Association) to help us to do even more for you, our village and the surrounding area, however there are a few of you who just could not spare the time, but would like to do more. Well you can, quite simply from the comfort of your home.



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We now have just 16 people playing, but if we could get a few more of you to take part we would soon raise enough to reach our goal, and bring even more exciting benefits to our home.

And remember as well as the wide range of prizes available, there are also special "Super Draws" that take place

where you could win something special as 'Mr. M' did on the 30th May draw, winning a £1,000 IKEA gift card!

Below are a few "lottery facts" below, so you can see just some of the benefits, and how every ticket you purchase has a 1 in 50 chance of winning (much better than any of the 'big' lotteries).

So please do consider how you can make a real difference to help your own local Charity for the benefit of our Village! If you want more information then please feel free to contact any of the BHCA Trustees or Volunteers and they can advise.

Draw results

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Another date for everyone's diary is the 31st of July, where I shall be having an anniversary party to celebrate my being here for a year at The Fox.

We will be having Live Entertainment from 2pm (TBC) both inside and out and till late, A Food Trailer, The Dessert Van, Bouncy Castles (both adult and children ones) and an Inflatable football shootout, plus lots more...

Please join us for what should be a great day of entertainment and fun - everyone is welcome.

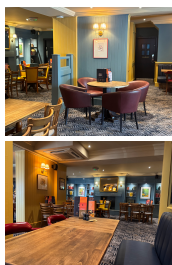
Don't forget there are still our drink, and food offers on and children eat for £1 when an adult purchases a classic meal.

Plus, if the sun ever comes out, don't forget we have a beer garden for you to sit in with the outside television for you to watch all your sport on too.

We are still having our weekly quiz nights but are now moving it to a Sunday evening and are hoping to start up regular bingo nights and also racing nights.

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We look forward to seeing you all very soon



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Primary School



We are delighted to announce that Bar Hill Primary has been awarded the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year. This prestigious recognition celebrates our commitment to providing high-quality sporting opportunities and promoting participation, competition and personal development through sport across the school community.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust. The award recognises schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to developing competitive sport both within school and through participation in local inter-school events and wider community opportunities.

Throughout the year, Bar Hill Primary pupils have taken part in a wide range of sporting competitions and festivals, including netball, football, cricket, athletics, tag rugby, dodgeball and Panathlon events. In total, 120 pupils represented the school in local inter-school competitions, showcasing enthusiasm, teamwork and determination. We are proud not only of the number of pupils taking part, but also of the success they have achieved in competition. Our teams consistently perform well and are regularly recognised for their exemplary sporting conduct, encouraging fellow competitors and demonstrating the values of respect and teamwork. This was reflected in our pupils receiving several Spirit of the Games Awards throughout the year.

Charlotte said "We are incredibly proud to have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award. Sport and physical activity play a vital role in our school, helping children to develop

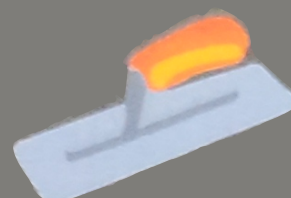
confidence,
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and a love of being active. Miss Frampton has worked tirelessly to raise the profile of PE and school sport across the school this year, creating more opportunities for pupils to participate and compete. We are especially proud to

have achieved Gold Mark status at the first opportunity, which reflects the enthusiasm of our pupils, the dedication of our staff and the support of our wider school community."

This achievement highlights the positive impact that sport and physical activity continue to have on our pupils, helping them to develop important life skills while enjoying healthy, active and rewarding experiences. Alongside our Healthy School Ambassador status, it reflects our whole-school commitment to promoting health, wellbeing and positive lifestyles for all children.



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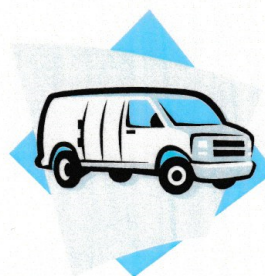
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BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Council Office, Hanover Close, Bar Hill. CB23 8EH

Chairperson: bunty.waters@barhill-pc.gov.uk

Defibrillators

The defibrillator on the library building is now ready for use. It is one of four defibrillators in the village that are supported by the Parish Council. The others can be found on the village hall, the farmhouse and the council office. In an emergency phone 999 and the ambulance service will ask you to get one if required.

New picnic benches

Two new picnic benches have been placed in Jubilee Park and near the trim trail. They are designed for use by wheelchair users.

Stream

Maintenance work to cut back the vegetation on the stream banks has been completed.

Trees

The poplar tree that was felled in the area between Acorn Avenue and Gladeside was diseased and had to be taken down.

Unfortunately a willow in the Willows area will also be felled soon due to decay at the base of the tree.

Vegetation

Please could residents check that vegetation from their property is not encroaching on any footpaths, particularly behind fences.

Overhanging and overgrown vegetation can cause a hazard to users of the footpaths especially the less mobile.

Graffiti in play areas

Graffiti is still being found on the play equipment. Removal of the graffiti can be difficult and incurs a cost to residents.

Fly Tipping

Please can residents not Fly Tip their rubbish as this involves a considerable cost to residents. If you would like to give away free items, please

put them within your property boundary and not on public/private land.

Litter Picking

A big thank you to all those that take time to pick litter around the village and those who have joined the monthly litter picks.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Environment and Amenities Meeting

1 July 2026 - 7pm in the Parish Council Office

Full Council Meeting

16 July 2026 - 7pm in the Parish Council Office



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Edna Murphy - Edna.Murphy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

01223 577005



Support in the Summer Holidays

The Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme offers fully funded holiday scheme places during the school holidays. Eligible primary and secondary school children and young people can attend subject to availability. The Department for Education funds it. The Summer HAF Programme will run from 21 July to 28 August 2026. Each eligible child can book a maximum of 64 hours across all holiday schemes subject to availability. A range of fun experiences, a healthy lunch and snacks are provided.

Link on the County Council website:
Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme | Cambridgeshire County Council or email the HAF team on HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Water Safety Campaign

As warmer weather approaches, the council is highlighting water safety, as there are hazards for children, young people and adults in swimming particularly in open water (eg lakes and rivers). A new campaign Be Water Smart has been launched to support families to enjoy water safely this summer.

Designed to equip parents with important lifesaving knowledge, Be Water Smart aims to raise awareness of the potential risks, and the simple, proactive steps parents can take to ensure children have the right skills and knowledge they need to stay safe around water. The campaign will include encouraging parents to familiarise themselves with the Water Safety Code (stop and think, stay together, float and call 999 in the UK or 112 if abroad) and how to teach this to children to ensure they know what to do if they find themselves in the water unexpectedly.

Quality of Life Survey

Cambridgeshire County Council has launched its fourth annual Quality of Life survey, inviting residents to share their views on

life in Cambridgeshire and the issues that matter most to them and their communities.

The survey findings provide valuable insight to support business planning, policy development, and decision-making, as well as helping to understand how changes to public services are affecting people's lives. This insight is used to help shape the council's Business Plan and Budget, tracking progress against the council's Strategic Framework ambitions over time. It is a very important exercise to do because people's concerns, challenges and opportunities do change over time, sometimes significantly – and we need to take these into account in budget setting.

The online and telephone survey will capture the views of around 5,500 residents and is being delivered in partnership with Cambridge Ahead and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.



TIGER

The Tiger bus pass is free of charge and gives young people (under 25s) bus journeys for just £1 each - normally £2 - making public transport more affordable and helping them travel to school, college, training, work, shopping, and social activities.

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Thursday 9th July		✓	✓
Thursday 16th July	✓		
Thursday 23rd July		✓	✓
Thursday 30th July	✓		
Thursday 6th August		✓	✓
Thursday 13th August	✓		

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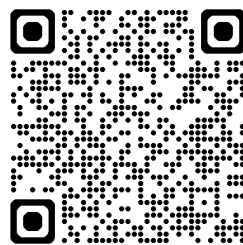
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Flowers in Church.....

Hopefully many people in the village will have seen the flowers in church or the Easter garden in the window.

There are five of us (Katie is not in the photo), who take it in turns to arrange the flowers although on special occasions like Easter, Christmas or Harvest we all get together to decorate the church. We also have someone who keeps our finances in order and collects the money from our sponsors. Most weeks someone pays for the flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. These slots are full for this year but please contact the church office if you are interested in doing this.



Emily, Di, Ginty, Marguerite



Why do we do it?

It's a lovely way to connect with God's Creation and fill the church with colour. It is a privilege to help people honour those they love. It's also an act of worship. As the seasons go round we illustrate that with our decorations. We all appreciate the chance to put the worries of the world to one side and have peace and quiet in the church just concentrating on the flowers and foliage although it's also good to all get together and fill the church with colour and flowers. We hope you enjoy them! Flowers really are a gift from God for us to enjoy!

To ask any questions or find out more about flowers and joining the flower arranging team at Bar Hill Church, please contact Ian Farr details below.

Church Office: Ian Farr, 01954 206120,
church.office@barhillchurch.org.uk

Enquiries about hiring space for an event should be directed to Ian.



Minister: Revd Wendy Wale 07780 828865

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BAR HILL LIBRARY - July 2026

For the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge, Read to the Beat, the Reading Agency has partnered with Universal Music Group to help reach even more young people and show them that stories and songs share the same power to inspire.



To complete the Challenge, children simply need to read six library books over the summer holidays and collect a sticker for each one. Everyone who completes the Challenge will be awarded their very own Read to the Beat medal and certificate.

Families can sign up in their local Library for free from Saturday 4th July and start collecting special Read to the Beat stickers from Saturday 18th July.

Everything really does change when you read!

For more details, use the following link:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library/children-and-young-people-in-libraries/summer-reading-challenge>

Blood Pressure Monitors

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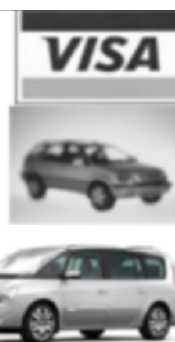


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July/August 2026 Timetable

**Every Monday, 10-12 (unless otherwise listed) in the Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery)
The Hub is for people of all ages as a place to gather & enjoy community!**

6 July	Coffee Stop Foodbank Advice Sign-posting Chess, traditional & 5Aside versions	Health & Wellbeing - 10.15 - 10.45
13 July		Carers Café with 'Carers Bingo' - 10.00 - 11.30
20 July		Health & Wellbeing - 10.15 - 10.45
27 July		Evergreens 10.00 -11.30 Meet a Parish Councillor - 10.00 - 12.00
3 August		Health & Wellbeing - 10.15 - 10.45
10 August		Carers Café - 10.00 -11.30

WHEN: Every Monday 10am – 12pm.

WHERE: The Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery), Bar Hill, CB23 8EH

WHAT: Our vision is to create a fairer and friendlier community, so everyone can thrive and knows where to turn to for warmth, welcome, friendship and support. The Hub is a busy gathering space, providing a warm, comfortable, welcoming space for our entire community. Come along and join us

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of delicious cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Foodbank: No need for any vouchers. If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you, available between **10.00 - 11.30 am.**

NEW SERVICE: HUB ADVICE DROP-IN: Available from **10.00 - 11.30 am** on Mondays with Kevin. Just come in during this time and we will be pleased to point you in the right direction.

Evergreens: a safe space for those with memory loss to enjoy: Conversation, Connection, Celebration. Accompanied by a carer, friend or family member. When: usually 4th Monday of each month.

Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st & 3rd Monday, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach (starting at 10.15am)..

Carers Café: On the 2nd Monday of the month, providing support for any carers in the village, even if you are not a patient of Maple Surgery.

Meet a Parish Councillor: you can meet one of our Parish Councillors to discuss any issues within our village, between 10am and 12pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Just look for the sign within the Coffee Stop.

Traditional & 5Aside Chess (within the Coffee Stop): A great way to connect and start a conversation with people happy to teach you this wonderful game. Come along and join us for refreshments and a chat!